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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Kazutoshi Okuno, et al.

Application No.: 09/560,780

Filed: April 28, 2000

For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
FIELD RESISTANCE OF RICE TO  
RICE BLAST

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 5157

Examiner: A. Kubelik

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A deposit receipt (including a translation) and a Declaration of Shuichi Fukuoka under 37 CFR § 1.132 accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**A listing of the Claims** is provided on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.